

by the resignation of Col. William H. Fitzhugh, and find, that by the said returns, Thomas Kennedy, Esq. is duly elected, declared and returned as a member of the house of delegates.

All which is respectfully submitted.

James Alfred Pearce, chairman.

R. Richardson, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Teackle, from the joint committee on the state library, submitted the following resolution—

By the House of Delegates,  
March — 1832.

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the governor and council, be and they hereby are authorized and required, to contract on the best obtainable terms, for the printing of 111 copies of the report on the digest of the laws, from the copy to be furnished by John Buchanan and Reverdy Johnson, Esqs. and the like number of the said laws, after they shall have been acted on by the legislature, under the supervision of such person or persons as the said governor and council may appoint for that purpose, with the view to the prompt and economical action of the general assembly on that subject.*

Which was read the first and second time by special order, assented to, and sent to the senate.

Mr. Stewart, chairman of the committee on claims, delivered the following report—

The committee on claims, to which was referred the petition of William Caton, of the city of Annapolis, beg leave to report, that it appears that on the 4th day of October 1814, a certain Bernard Gilpin, of Montgomery county, obtained out of the land office of the western shore of Maryland, a warrant of escheat to affect certain lands belonging to Peter Jennings an alien, whose right had become escheat to the state, and who returned a certificate thereof to the land office, but never compounded thereon as the law required.

That the petitioner William Caton, in the month of October 1816, obtained from the land office aforesaid, a warrant of proclamation to affect said land, and paid into the treasury the sum of one hundred and thirty-one dollars, being one-tenth part of the composition money according to law, and that on the 5th day of February 1817, the legislature of Maryland, passed an act confirming a deed from a certain Ralph Randolph Wormsly, acting under a power of attorney from Edmond Jennings, of London, to a certain